

## 8.0 Summary and Next Steps

The Ramona Road Master Plan process was intended to identify deficiencies in Ramona's circulation system, with the major issues being a lack of roadway connections, poor intersection operations and traffic flows, and unsafe pedestrian and bicycle environments.

The Plan Elements offer goals or visions to guide County planning and decision-making related to the future development of the Ramona circulation system. Several programs and policies are identified to aid the implementation of improvements.

Key findings include the following issues and approaches to remedying Ramona's circulation system problems:

- The local circulation system in Ramona is deficient in large part due to land developments that have obstructed and otherwise limited the ability to extend key roadways as part of the local grid network. Efforts should be made to preserve the local grid street system, and to promote a pattern of urban development that enhances both vehicular access as well as the walkability of the Town Center area. Several roadway connections have been identified in the Town Center area of Ramona and could be implemented because land developments have not yet occurred. These opportunities need to be preserved as Ramona continues to develop.
- Excessive vehicle delays are experienced at the signalized intersections along Main Street, primarily due to insufficient side street capacity. Compounding this problem is a lack of parallel roadway capacity providing alternative routes to Main Street. Currently, the majority of local trips are forced to use Main Street because of the lack of other connections providing access to local destinations. Recommendations for improving Main Street traffic operations focus on providing right-turn lanes along the northbound and southbound Main Street approaches, increasing the capacity of side streets at the intersections, ie. providing exclusive turn lanes, as well as increasing the capacity of roadways running parallel to Main Street.
- The sidewalk and bicycle networks in Ramona are underdeveloped. Community members are especially concerned about the safety of school children as they walk to and from school. The Plan recommends that the County focus on improving pedestrian and bicycle facilities in those areas within a half-mile of Ramona schools, and near the Town Center.

Next steps in the Ramona Road Master Plan process include the following:

1. On-going monitoring of the Plan by the County and community members.



2. Prioritization of issues and approaches to implementing solutions.
3. Initiation of inter-departmental communications at the County to ensure land development review processes are updated consistent with the ideas presented in this Plan.
4. Development of a prioritized list of projects that would implement key aspects of this Plan.

